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In re Application of:

Reiko M. Nakamura

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS OF  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks.

No additional fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fee and credit any refund to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments and remarks as follows:

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